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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING A TRANSACTION

TASK WITHIN A TRANSACTION PROCESSING SYSTEM EMPLOYING

SYMMETRIC MULTIPROCESSORS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>October 21, 2004</u>. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.